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RESEARCH FACILITIES TO INDUSTRY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and utilised by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) during each of the last three years;

(b) whether CSIR extend research facilities to industry sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total revenue earned by CSIR during 2005-06 and 2006-07 as a result thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make CSIR more result oriented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SCINENCE AND TECNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL):

(a) The funds allocated and utilized by council of scientific and industrial (CSIR) during the last three years are as under:

sl.no.	Finacial year	Fund Allocated B.E.	Funds utilized R.E.	Surrender
1.	2003-04	1103.61	1074.54	1074.54
2.	2004-05	1264.00	1266.47	1240.02	26.45
3.	2005-06	1503.43	1453.49	1388.13	65.36

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. CSIR maintains organic linkages with industry in doing so. it undertakes sponsored and collaborative research. In order to further strengthen its linkages with industry, CSIR has taken new initiatives which involves putting in place incubation centres in select CSIR laboratories and allowing mobility of CSIR scientists betwen its labs and industry and vice versa.

(d) The total revenue earned by CSIR from industry during 2005-06 was Rs. 96.83 crore and during 2006-07 (up to January, 2007) is Rs. 93.63 crore.

(e) CSIR has continuously strived to respond to the changes in the external environment by restructuring and reorganizing itself. In order to re-engineer the organization to become vibrant and result oriented several steps/ initiatives were taken like the setting up of a Committee in June, 2003 known as the Kelkar Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vijay Kelkar to assess and evaluate the outcomes of CSIR activities and suggesting measures for optimizing the effectiveness of public investments in CSIR. The committee systematically undertook indepth studies and evolved a methodology, a first of its kind, to value the publicly funded organization and made several far reaching recommendations to enhance the value of CSIR`s contributions.